and integrated use of both organic and in-organic fertilizers would sustain crop yields at high level and not the use of organic sources alone. The Ministry would, however, send a team of experts to study the experience of Shri Save in details.

Cow Calves for slaughter

3281. SHRI LALITBHAIMEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former DDG(AS) ICAR made public statements that 30 million cow calves should be produced for meat;

(b) whether it violates article 48 of Constitution of India and decisions of Supreme Court;

(c) whether Ahimsa Research Foundation has protested against this proposal; and

(d) what action was taken or proposed to be taken against the concerned officer and Government's policy be specified in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal on production of cow calves for meat has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Market Intervention Scheme for Citrus Fruits

3282. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals regarding Market Intervention Scheme for citurs fruits for the year 1996-97 have been received from Government of Himachal Pradesh for approval;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Market Intervention Scheme for Kinnow, Malta, Santra and Galgal have been implemented in Himachal Pradesh in 1996-97 after approval of Government on 50:50 sharing basis;

(c) if so, whether the share of Government is still lying pending for approval since June, 1997; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for the said commodities was approved from 28th January, 1997 to 15th March, 1997. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has so far not furnished the audited accounts in accordance with the approved Market Intervention Scheme. After receiving the same, the Central Government share of loss will be reimbursed.

Increase in the rates of GIA for flowing water units

3283. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals regarding increase in the rates of GIA/ Assistance for flowing water units and c/o ponds were received from Government of Himachal Pradesh in December, 1997;

(b) whether these proposals were under Fish Farmers Development Agency;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to approve these proposals early in the interest of development of Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India received a proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh in January, 1998 regarding increase in the rates of Central assistance for flowing water units and for construction of ponds.

(b) and (c) The above mentioned proposal was under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Development of Freshwater Aqculture" being implemented through Fish Farmers Development Agencies in the States/UTs. It was proposed by the State Government that the unit cost for the construction of new ponds may be enhanced from Rs. 1.0 lakh per ha. to Rs. 2.037 lakh per ha. Similarly, for the running water fish culture, the rates may be enhanced from Rs. 10,634 per unit of 110-120 sq. meters to Rs. 20,303 per unit.